

Jap Women Guard Home Front Better Than People of Torrance

The grueling hardships that the women of Japan are undergoing to win the war their country began against us, make our own sacrifices look pretty small indeed—and, here in Torrance, make the lack of auxiliary firemen a matter of civic shame. It is the meek little women of Japan, whose submissiveness contrasts so strikingly with the arrogance of their men, who are really carrying the burden on the home front, according to the State Council of Defense.

Civilian defense fire-fighting squads, for instance, are almost entirely composed of women. Millions of Japanese women have been training in these squads for more than four years. Without ladders, they can scale walls like monkeys, clamber up ropes on the walls of high-storied buildings, operate emergency water pumps and take them apart to make repairs. They can carry the wounded down fire-truck ladders through blinding smoke.

—And here in Torrance, a city with a population of more than 12,000, we have only six auxiliary firemen enrolled.

The training given Japanese women unlike our own civilian defense "incident" practice, has not been theoretical. They were taught to subdue real bombs thrown into the streets from army trucks by the military. Many Japanese women have lost their lives in this sort of "practice" for real warfare.

Not a single one of the six auxiliary firemen here—and there should be at least 60—have so much as skinned a knuckle in training.

Came the American bombing on Tokyo. We have it from Robert Bellaire, former United Press correspondent in Tokyo, who was in the capital city when the Doolittle boys came over, that it was these women fire-fighting squads who brought the

fires from the incendiaries under control within a few hours.

Police Chief John Stroh, head of Civilian Defense here, says that women can serve as auxiliaries to the regular fire department. But, try as hard as he and Fire Chief J. E. McMaster can, none will enroll. The training is not hard; it is not long but it is thorough—and vital.

Only six men are now prepared to help the regular firemen in case of an emergency here—and there should be 60 at least.

What's the answer, Mr. or Mrs. Torrance Citizen? Are you going to let the Japs pull another Pearl Harbor on us here at home just because of apathy and a "let George do it" attitude?

Girl-Molester Fined and Jailed

Charged with disturbing the peace because he assertedly molested five small girls about 14 years of age by trying to intrigue them into his car, Fred Adolph Ochs, 40, of Los Angeles, was found guilty by Judge Otto Willett Monday.

He was fined \$150 and given a 90-day suspended jail sentence on condition he spends the next four weekends in jail here. Ochs was arrested Sunday after a week's long investigation of his alleged misconduct.

Vegetables For Victory

This is the second of a series of weekly bulletins offering practical suggestions for growing a Vegetables for Victory Garden in backyard or vacant lot. These bulletins are prepared by Edwin B. Angier, supervisor of agriculture for the Los Angeles City schools, chairman of the Production for Victory program in which the schools and P. T. A. are co-sponsors.

Early Cultivation
After you have had the thrill of planting your first Victory garden, don't let some of the uninteresting tasks become a burden to you. Remember, one hour of cultivation, weeding, thinning, etc., at the proper time is equal to three hours a few days later.

Soil cultivation is the most important of all garden operations. For many there is a tendency to over-irrigate rather than over-cultivate.

Since vegetables are shallow-rooted do not cultivate deeper than one inch. For securing best results, cultivation should start at the same time the seeds first show in the row or when the transplanted root begins to grow.

How to Do It
The two main reasons for cultivation are to conserve moisture and keep down the weeds. Victory gardens, planted on vacant lots will need proper systematic cultivation to keep down weeds for any quantity of production.

Tools used in cultivation are the hand cultivators or long-handled hoes. The Norcross three-prong cultivator is most useful in victory gardening.

First, start by backing down the row, cultivating the soil after you have passed over it. Use strokes of about 20 inches and cover the entire area between rows as you proceed. The cultivator should be held and controlled in the same manner as the rake. Also, cultivation between the plants in the row is necessary. Very few gardeners know how to properly use a hoe for cultivation. Take short rapid strokes, chopping the soil. Start on the area closest to you and gradually work back in the row to the length of the hoe from where you are standing. Back down the row as you did with the cultivator.

After completing the hoe operation, complete the operation with a rake. Back down the row as you did with the cultivator, and leave a fine mulch with no footprints.

Eight Those Weeds!
In late Victory gardens, the single wheel cultivator, which you push ahead is by far the easiest to operate. In using any type of cultivator it is very important to be very careful of rooted crops which are easily injured by the sharp blade.

Plants out of place are weeds. They grow more easily than most cultivated vegetables. They are hosts for rusts and insects which spread to your plants. They are divided into two classes, annual and perennial. Both groups should be eliminated in their early stages.

Make your Victory garden one you will be proud to show off. Free of weeds, and one showing a finely broken soil crust between the rows.

Foreign Relief Work Depends on Private Gifts

"It is essential to continue the foreign relief work by private organizations, financed by private contributions from the public in behalf of distressed citizens abroad."

This is the joint statement of Herbert H. Lehman, director of the Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation Organizations; Joseph E. Davies, chairman of the President's War Relief Control Board, and Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross.

United Nations War Relief officials said yesterday that the current campaign to raise \$1,000,000 in Southern California would provide the Southland's quota for carrying on this foreign relief work in Britain, China, Russia, Greece, Netherlands, Poland and France.

A full page advertisement in today's Herald describes the plight of the women and children in these allied countries and explains how local contributions will help in extending relief.

The advertisement was bought and paid for by local patriotic firms who believe aid to our allies is a sacred as well as selfish duty. No part of the cost is deducted from contributions, according to United Nations officials. Contributions are being accepted at the Torrance National Bank and The Torrance Herald.

Tree Trimming Decisions Now Up to Engineer

Decision on what trees are to be trimmed and topped now rests with City Engineer Glenn Jain. After the city council received three requests for tree work Tuesday night, Jain reminded the city board that it had recently banned "all but the most necessary work for the duration on account of the shortage of help in the street department."

"We have had many requests for tree-trimming and topping and some criticisms from residents who could not understand why we trimmed trees on one side of a street and not on theirs," the engineer reported. "We cannot fill all these requests because we do not have the younger men any more to climb the trees and top them."

The council then decided to refer all requests to the city engineer who will decide which are outstanding for public safety. The requests received this week came from Mrs. Stella Frosch, 1224 Gota ave.; Dr. S. A. Robinson, 2167 Torrance Blvd., and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pietzschke, who reside at the northwest corner of Hickory and Iris sts.

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State Surplus Now Tops 76 Million

California's cash excess at the end of January was a record-breaking \$76,488,781—\$16,412,809 more than the previous high of \$60,075,972 reached last October—Harry B. Riley, State controller, has announced.

On January 31 the state was better off by \$84,879,826 than it was on the same date in 1942, when a deficiency of \$8,390,845 existed, Riley said. Revenue exceeded expenditures by nearly \$9,000,000 a month during the year.

Next of Kin May File Service Tax Returns

Soldiers, sailors, Marines, WAACS, WAVES, SPARS and personnel of the Merchant Marine, whose whereabouts are a military secret, may have their 1942 Federal income tax returns filed for them by their nearest kin, according to a ruling issued today by Nat Rogan, Collector of Internal Revenue for Southern California.

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5. Plan your family's diet carefully... plan menus ahead for a week or a month... see that everyone gets enough nourishment.
6. Eat fresh fruits and vegetables instead of canned, bottled and frozen foods. Use the more plentiful non-rationed foods whenever you can.
7. Lighten congestion in the stores... shorten the waiting line at cash registers by shopping early in the day and early in the week.
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